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A. Statement of Planning Objectives

A revised RAMP that updates the 1987 RAMP will be designed to provide a variety of sustainable OHV and other recreational activities, and to maintain or improve the conditions of the special status species and other unique natural and cultural resources, while creating an environment to promote the health and safety of visitors, employees, and nearby residents.

The Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA), first designated by a management plan in 1972 and again in 1987, offers outstanding recreational opportunities for off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation in the California Desert District.

In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California Desert District, El Centro Field Office, will prepare the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP). The management plan will amend the CDCA plan. The management plan is needed to replace the existing management plan (1987) which has become outdated as a result of the federal listing of and designation of critical habitat for Peirson's milk-vetch as a threatened species, designation of the North Algodones Dunes as wilderness, and substantial changes in visitor use. A 2006 Federal court order remanded a previous 2003 ISDRA RAMP to BLM for further consideration. The 2006 court order also vacated and remanded the previous U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) critical habitat designation for the federally threatened Peirson's milk-vetch. On February 14, 2008, the FWS published a final rule revising critical habitat for the Peirson's milk-vetch.

In 2000, the Center for Biological Diversity, and others (Center) filed for injunctive relief in U.S. District Court against BLM alleging that BLM was in violation of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by failing to formally consult with the FWS on the effects of adoption of the CDCA Plan, as amended, upon threatened and endangered species. In 2006 the court vacated and remanded BLM's 2005 Record of Decision (ROD) approving the 2003 ISDRA RAMP/Final EIS. The order and injunction: 1) remanded the 2003 RAMP for further consideration by BLM; 2) vacated and remanded to the FWS portions of the Biological Opinion (BO) for the 2003 RAMP; and 3) required that BLM maintain the temporary vehicle closure of five areas to protect the Peirson's milk-vetch until such time as a new RAMP, final EIS, ROD, and BO are completed and filed with the court.

The ISDRA project area encompasses approximately 150,000 acres of public lands bounded to the west by the Old Coachella Canal, to the east by the Union Pacific Railroad, to the North by Mammoth Wash, and to the south by Interstate 8 and the California/Mexico border. The primary activities in the ISDRA include camping and off highway vehicle use. Issues addressed in the RAMP/EIS will include: wildlife and botany; cultural resources and paleontology; water resources; noise; land use; geology and soils; mineral resources; socioeconomics; hazardous materials and solid waste; public health; visual resources; and traffic and transportation.

The following Planning objectives will be utilized during production of this document:

- The Plan will set forth a framework for managing OHV and other recreational activities in order to maintain existing natural landscapes and to provide for the enjoyment and safety of the visiting public.
- The plan will be completed in compliance with FLPMA, NEPA, and all other relevant Federal law, Executive orders, and management policies of the BLM;
- The planning process will include an EIS that will comply with NEPA standards;
- Where existing planning decisions are still valid, those decisions may remain unchanged and be incorporated into the new RMP (or amendment);
- The plans will recognize valid existing rights; and
- Native American Tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy and Tribal concerns will be given due consideration. The planning process will include the consideration of any impacts on Indian trust assets.

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- Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer will be conducted throughout the plan.
- Consultation with US Fish and Wildlife Service will be conducted throughout the plan.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The ISDRA contains the largest mass of sand dunes in California, covering an area more than 40 miles long and averaging 5 miles in width. The ISDRA is considered a world-class OHV area and it represents one of the most popular OHV areas in the western United States. It is a well-known area to local residents and the thousands who visit each year from the southwestern United States and beyond. The ISDRA is the most heavily and intensively used OHV recreation area in the California Desert District with over 1.4 million OHV visitors per year. In addition, the ISDRA is recognized for its frequent use as a backdrop for commercials and movies because of its unique beauty and landscape. The ISDRA is also recognized for providing unique habitat for several endemic and sensitive plant, insect, and animal species and habitats.

The overwhelming popularity and regional importance of the ISDRA to OHV visitors, recreational enthusiasts, and others require careful management to protect its recreational, natural, and cultural resources. As the designated steward of the ISDRA, the BLM is charged with the responsibility to oversee and manage this ecologically complex and beautiful public treasure. The RAMP was developed as a tool for long-range planning and management oversight of these important resources. The RAMP emphasizes recreational use while providing for natural and cultural resource conservation and enhancement.

A revised RAMP that updates the 1987 RAMP will be designed to provide a variety of sustainable OHV and other recreational activities, and to maintain or improve the conditions of the special status species and other unique natural and cultural resources, while creating an environment to promote the health and safety of visitors, employees, and nearby residents.

C. Statement of Activities

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) El Centro Field Office (ECFO) is developing a new Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) for the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA). The overall Planning Area for this document encompasses the entire fee boundary area, which includes the ISDRA, the North Algodones Dunes Wilderness, as well as the area between the fee boundary area and the ISDRA. The RAMP will be developed for federal surface and mineral estate managed by the ECFO within the eastern portion of Imperial County in California within the California Desert Conservation Area.

The BLM has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be necessary, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). This document follows the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of The NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508) and BLM's NEPA Handbook (H-1790-1).

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) BLM ECFO is the lead agency for the RAMP/EIS. The lead agency has approval or disapproval authority over the description of the proposed action and alternatives, the format and analysis of the RAMP/EIS, stakeholder collaboration, and public involvement procedures.

The BLM must comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations, and agency policies when addressing a wide variety of issues and analyzing a reasonable range of alternatives for the BLM-administered lands and resources within the Planning Area.

The BLM has already completed the scoping phase of the RAMP/EIS process and is currently developing a Draft RAMP/EIS. The BLM plans to release a Draft RAMP/EIS to the public in June, 2009. The Draft RAMP would be available to the public for a 90-day comment period. The BLM will hold public meetings various locations to solicit input and comments from the public on the Draft RAMP/EIS. At the conclusion of the 90-day comment period, the BLM will analyze and respond to each substantive comment received. During this time, the BLM will initiate formal Section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Once the comments are responded to and incorporated in the RAMP, the BLM will release a Proposed RAMP/Final EIS to the public for a 30-day protest period. At the same time the protest period is

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initiated, a 60-day Governor's Consistency Review would also be intiated. Once the protest period is complete, BLM will gather the protests (if any are received) and incorporate and respond to any issues cited in the protest letters. In working with U.S. Fish and Wildlife service on a formal Section 7 consultation, BLM will receive a biological opinion on the Proposed RAMP/Final EIS. BLM will then develop responses to each protest letter received and develop a Record of Decision for the RAMP/EIS. At the conculsion of the 30-day protest period, the 60-day Governor's consistency review, and once BLM has received a biological opinion from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a Record of Decision (ROD) will be released to the public. Once the ROD is released, a 30-day appeal period is initiated for the implementation-level decisions.

D. List of Reports

- 1) Proposed Recreation Area Management Plan / Final Environmental Impact Statement
- 2) Responses to Protest Letters (if any are received)

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1.	Timeline for Completion Attachments:		Imperial Sand Dunes RAMP Planning Area Map Imperial Sand Dunes RAMP Tentative Timeline
2.	Optional Project-Specific Application D	ocuments	
3.	Optional Project-specific Maps Attachments:		Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Overview Map

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APPLICANT NAME :	BLM - El Centro Field Office			
PROJECT TITLE :	Planning - Imperial Sand Dunes		PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	Acquisition	Development	Education & Safety	Ground Operations
TROCEOT THE	Law Enforcement	Planning	Restoration	
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	The plan will be completed in complitude BLM;	ance with FLPMA, NEPA, and	all other relevant Federal law, Executive orders,	and management policies of

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- The planning process will include an EIS that will comply with NEPA standards;
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- Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer will be conducted throughout the plan.
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIREC	ECT EXPENSES						
Progra	am Expenses						
1	Staff						
	Other-Field Manager ECFO	40.000	65.320	HRS	0.00	2,613.00	2,613.00
	Other-Associate Field Manager ECFO	240.000	56.980	HRS	0.00	13,675.00	13,675.00
	Other-Planning and Environmental Coordin	960.000	41.050	HRS	0.00	39,408.00	39,408.00
	Other-Recreation Supervisor	40.000	41.050	HRS	0.00	1,642.00	1,642.00
	Other-Resources Branch Chief	40.000	56.980	HRS	0.00	2,279.00	2,279.00
	Other-Law Enforcement Chief	24.000	41.050	HRS	0.00	985.00	985.00
	Other-Wildlife Biologist FO	40.000	31.470	HRS	0.00	1,259.00	1,259.00
	Other-Archaeologist FO	40.000	34.580	HRS	0.00	1,383.00	1,383.00
	Other-Archaeologist FO	40.000	31.470	HRS	0.00	1,259.00	1,259.00
	Other-Realty Specialist FO	40.000	34.580	HRS	0.00	1,383.00	1,383.00
	Other-Realty Specialist FO	40.000	19.230	HRS	0.00	769.00	769.00
	Other-Outdoor Recreation Planner FO	40.000	34.580	HRS	0.00	1,383.00	1,383.00

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Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Tota
Other-Wilderness Coordinator	40.000	34.580	HRS	0.00	1,383.00	1,383.0
Other-Dunes Manager	40.000	41.050	HRS	0.00	1,642.00	1,642.0
Other-Force Account Supervisor	16.000	41.050	HRS	0.00	657.00	657.0
Other-Interpretive Park Ranger	16.000	31.470	HRS	0.00	504.00	504.0
Other-Planning and Environmental Coord C	40.000	48.000	HRS	0.00	1,920.00	1,920.0
Other-Wildlife Biologist CDD	40.000	56.980	HRS	0.00	2,279.00	2,279.0
Other-California Desert Dist Manager	24.000	65.320	HRS	0.00	1,568.00	1,568.0
Other-CDD Procurement Specialist	40.000	31.470	HRS	0.00	1,259.00	1,259.0
Other-CDD Resource Branch Chief	24.000	56.980	HRS	0.00	1,368.00	1,368.0
Other-CDD External Affairs Specialist	24.000	56.980	HRS	0.00	1,368.00	1,368.0
Other-State Office Planning and Env Coor	80.000	59.540	HRS	0.00	4,763.00	4,763.0
Other-State Office Recreation Planner	24.000	45.190	HRS	0.00	1,085.00	1,085.0
Other-State Office Recreation Planner	24.000	45.190	HRS	0.00	1,085.00	1,085.0
Other-State Office Botanist	24.000	19.610	HRS	0.00	471.00	471.0
Other-State Office T & E Coordinator	24.000	56.980	HRS	0.00	1,368.00	1,368.0
Other-State Office Printing Specialist	40.000	38.540	HRS	0.00	1,542.00	1,542.0
Other-State Office GIS Coordinator	40.000	45.850	HRS	0.00	1,834.00	1,834.0
Other-State Office External Affairs Spec	40.000	66.980	HRS	0.00	2,679.00	2,679.0
Other-State Office Lands & Realty Superv	24.000	65.320	HRS	0.00	1,568.00	1,568.0
Other-Associate State Director	24.000	82.870	HRS	0.00	1,989.00	1,989.0
Other-State Director	24.000	82.870	HRS	0.00	1,989.00	1,989.0
Other-Washington Office Planning and Env	40.000	41.050	HRS	0.00	1,642.00	1,642.0

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total	
	Other-Washington Office Fed. Reg. Liaiso	40.000	41.050	HRS	0.00	1,642.00	1,642.00	
	Total for Staff				0.00	105,643.00	105,643.00	
2	Contracts							
	Other-Comments/Final EIS/Protest Resolut	1.000	180000.000	EA	180,000.00	0.00	180,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies							
4	Equipment Use Expenses							
5	Equipment Purchases							
6	Others							
7	Administrative Costs							
Total	Program Expenses				180,000.00	105,643.00	285,643.00	
TOTA	OTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				180,000.00	105,643.00	285,643.00	
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIREC	T EXPENSES				
Progra	m Expenses				
1	Staff	0.00	105,643.00	105,643.00	It is anticipated that the majority of the staff members listed here will function as reviewers and contributors of the documents to be prepared. The Associate Field Manager of the El Centro Field Office and the Planning and Environmental Coordinator of the El Centro Field Office (Project Manager) are anticipated to perform the bulk of the work associated with this project.
2	Contracts	180,000.00	0.00	180,000.00	This is the amount that we anticipate contracting out for preparation of the Final EIS (Including comment cataloguing and analysis from comments gathered after the release of the Draft RAMP), and the protest resolution (if any is needed).
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Program Expenses		180,000.00	105,643.00	285,643.00	
TOTAL	DIRECT EXPENSES	180,000.00	105,643.00	285,643.00	
TOTAL	EXPENDITURES	180,000.00	105,643.00	285,643.00	

Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS) for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
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	ITEM 1 and ITEM 2						
	ITEM 1						
a.	ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Deterr (Please select Yes or No)	mination (NOD) been	filed for the Project?	C	Yes	•	No
	ITEM 2						
b.	ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a (Please select Yes or No)	"Project" under CEQA	A Guidelines Section 15378?	•	Yes	C	No
C.	The Application is requesting funds sol and ensure public safety. These activit environment and are thus not a "Project	ies would not cause a	any physical impacts on the	С	Yes	С	No
d.	Other. Explain why proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT con		physical impacts on the envir	onm	nent and	are	thus not
	TEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wet	lands					
There	are no natural wetlands that occur withir	the project area for	he RAMP.				
	TEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this P	roject					
No cui	nulative impacts are anticipated from the	e project.					
	TEM 5 - Soil Impacts						
No soi	I impacts are anticipated.						
	TEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources	6					
There	are no scenic highways in the project are	ea.					
	TEM 7 - Hazardous Materials						
	Is the proposed Project Area located of Section 65962.5 of the California Government Select Yes or No)			C	Yes	•	No
	If YES, describe the location of the haz taken to minimize or avoid the hazards		oject site, the level of hazard a	and :	the mea	sure	s to be
	TEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts	s to Historical or Cu	Itural Resources				
	Would the proposed Project have pote historical or cultural resources? (Please		al adverse impacts to	C	Yes	•	No
	If YES, describe the potential impacts a cultural resources and measures to be			gnifi	cance of	hist	orical or

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

The project has the potential to cause indirect significant impacts through planning decisions that will effect OHV recreation opportunities in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. At this time the BLM is in the draft planning process and has not signed a record of decision implementing any alternatives.

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1.		Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates	s from Cos	st Estimate)
,	۱.	As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the Applicant is 3	he percenta	age of the Project costs covered by the
		(Check the one most appropriate) (Please se	elect one fro	om list)
		76% or more (10 points)		C 51% - 75% (5 points)
		26% - 50% (3 points)		© 25% (Match minimum) (No points)
2.	ı	Planning Project - Q 2.		
A PI	ar	nning Project - Page 1		
2	2.	The Planning Project would address the follow	wing 4	
		(Check all that apply) (Please select applicab	ole values)	
		▼ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on section on section.	special-stat	tus species habitats
		✓ Potential effects of OHV Recreation on of the control of t	cultural res	ources
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				or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation
		✓ Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trail	=	
			,	
B. P	la	anning Project - Page 2		
		Explain each statement that was checked		
		limited to: recreation resources, soil resource	es, water r	e elements of the human environment, including but not esources, air resources, cultural resources, wildlife ial status species resources, transportation and public
		(Check the one most appropriate) (Please se	elect one fro	om list)
		6 or more items checked (4 points)		C 4 to 5 items checked (3 points)
		C 2 to 3 items checked (2 points)		C 1 or no items checked (No points)
3.	ı	Motorized Access - Q 3.		
3	3.	The Project would lead to improved facilities nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6	that provide	e motorized access to the following
		(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each,	up to a ma	ximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)
		Camping		☑ Birding
		☑ Hiking		Equestrian trails
		☐ Fishing		Rock Climbing
		✓ Other (Specify) [Filming & Photography]]	
4.		Public Input - Q 4.		
2	1.	The Project proposal was developed with pub	blic input er	mploying the following 2
		(Check all that apply) Scoring: Maximum of 2	2 points (PI	lease select applicable values)

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		✓ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)	
		Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)	
		✓ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)	
		Explain each statement that was checked	
		Thus far in the Planning process for the RAMP, the BLM has held 3 scoping meetings in order to proawareness about the project and to solicit scoping comments from the public. The scoping meeting San Diego, California, El Centro, California and Phoenix, Arizona. BLM staff members were on han the meetings to discuss and/or clarify any questions from the public.	s were held in
		BLM has also held meetings with several stakeholders, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Patrol. In addition, BLM also briefed California State Parks staff on the project.	U.S. Border
5.	,	Stakeholder Input - Q 5.	
	5.	5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input:	5
		(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)	
		No (No points) • Yes (5 points)	
		If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders	
		The planning project would incorporate substantial stakeholder input in that it would include a 60-date period (already complete), a 90-day comment period once a Draft RAMP is released to the public, a protest period after the Final RAMP is made available to the public. The public will be allowed to producisions made by BLM in the Final RAMP. BLM will then gather the protest letter received (if any) each letter individually, and make changes to the Final RAMP if warranted.	and a 30-day otest any
		BLM will then make the Record of Decision (ROD) available to the public. At this point in the procest free to appeal any implementation-level decisions contained in the ROD.	ss, the public is
6.	ı	Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.	
	6.	6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4	
		(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)	
		© 4 or more (4 points)	
		C 1 (1 point) C None (No points)	
		List partner organization(s)	
		As of the date of this application, the BLM has invited 4 parties to be formal cooperating agencies. agencies have accepted formal cooperating agency status as of the date of this application. However, continue to work with the following entities on an informal basis: U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Fish and California Fish and Game, United Desert Gateway, American Sand Association, Kris "Chili-Dog" Fri and American Deserts.	er, BLM will Wildlife Service,
7.	;	Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.	
	7.	7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 7	
		(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values) ✓ Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points) ✓ Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points) ✓ Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)	
		Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)

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	☐ Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)
	Explain each statement that was checked
	A revised RAMP that updates the 1987 RAMP will be designed to provide a variety of sustainable OHV and other recreational activities, and to maintain or improve the conditions of the special status species and other unique natural and cultural resources, while creating an environment to promote the health and safety of visitors, employees, and nearby residents.
	Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.
3.	Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 5
	(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)
	No (No points) • Yes (5 points)
	Explain 'Yes' response
	BLM has identified funds for implementation of the proposed project in the fee program that is currently in place in the Imperial Sand Dunes, as well as from appropriated funds.
	Reference Document
	BLM visitation Data for use seasons since fee program was implemented.
	Offsite Impacts - Q 9.
9.	The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 5
	(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)
	C No (No points) C Yes (5 points)
	Explain 'Yes' response
	The RAMP will analyze and address impacts to adjacent lands, such as noise, air quality, visual resources and socio-economic impacts.

8.

9.

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